

a.) Amendments to the Claims

1. (Presently Amended) A lubricated tablet comprising:

a compressed mixture of an active substance which is adversely affected by a lubricant and an adjuvant, said compressed mixture not containing said lubricant, wherein

said lubricant is contained only on the surface of said tablet, wherein said tablet does not contain ascorbic acid and wherein said active substance is acetylsalicyclic acid.

Claims 2-4 (Cancelled)

~~2.~~ ^{2.} (Presently Amended) A method for producing a lubricated tablet comprising the steps of:

producing a mixture of an active substance affected by a lubricant admixed with an adjuvant, said mixture not containing said lubricant,

dispersing a powder of said lubricant within positive pulsating vibration air,

spraying said dispersed lubricant powder on a lower surface of an upper punch, an upper surface of a lower punch and an inner circumferential wall of a die in a tableting machine, and

tableting said mixture within said lubricated upper and lower punches and die,

wherein said tablet does not contain ascorbic acid and wherein said active substance is acetylsalicyclic acid

³ ~~6~~ (Previously Presented) The method for producing a tablet as set forth in claim ²~~5~~, wherein said spraying step comprises:

(i) spraying said dispersed lubricant powder substantially vertically onto said lower punch and said die when said lower punch attains a predetermined position in said die, and

(ii) spraying said dispersed lubricant powder onto said lower surface of said upper punch while said upper punch travels along its moving path.

Claims 7-9 (Cancelled)

⁴ ~~10~~ (Presently Amended) The tablet as set forth in ~~any one of claims 7-9~~ claim 1, wherein

said compressed mixture is an admixture of first and second granules, said first granules comprising said active substance and said second granules comprising said adjuvant, wherein

said first and second granules have substantially same particle diameters.

Claims 11-13 (Cancelled)

⁵ ~~14~~ (Presently Amended) The method as set forth in ~~any one of claims 11-13~~ ^{2 3} ~~claim 2 or 6~~, wherein

said compressed mixture being an admixture of first and second granules, said first granules comprising said active substance and said second granules comprising said adjuvant, wherein

said first and second granules have substantially same particle diameters.

~~6~~ ¹⁵ (New) A method for stabilizing an active substance in a tablet comprising the steps of:

selecting a combination of an active substance and a lubricant, wherein the active substance is affected by the lubricant when compressed in a form of a mixture of the active substance and the lubricant,

producing a mixture of the selected active substance admixed with an adjuvant said mixture not containing the lubricant,

dispersing a powder of said selected lubricant within positive pulsating vibration air,

spraying said dispersed lubricant powder on a lower surface of an upper punch, an upper surface of a lower punch and an inner circumferential wall of a die in a tableting machine, and

tableting said mixture within the lubricated upper and lower punches and die,

wherein said tablet does not contain ascorbic acid.

~~7~~ ¹⁶ (New) The method as set forth in claim ~~15~~ ⁶, wherein said spraying step comprises:

(i) spraying said dispersed lubricant powder substantially vertically onto said lower punch and said dies when said lower punch attains a predetermined position in said die, and

(ii) spraying said dispersed lubricant powder onto said lower surface of said upper punch while said upper punch travels along its moving path.